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13 April 1957

SUBJECT: DTLINEN Meeting

TO : Chief, FBI/IGHT

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1. Forwarded herewith is a memorandum by [] con-
cerning his meeting with Boudreau and Newham. Note in Para. 3 a
request for information and also any dope you have concerning the
\$2,500 mentioned in Para. 4.

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1. A meeting took place on 12 April between Boudreau, Newham and myself. This meeting was arranged by Newham to brief Boudreau and myself on the following points.

a. Meeting with Reuter: On this same day Newham had been requested to appear at Reuter's office for a personal conference. The subject of this meeting was DTILINEN and the present situation and difficulties of this organization. According to Newham, Reuter was very sympathetic toward DTILINEN's problems, stating that he, Reuter, was well aware of the campaign waged against DTILINEN by the SPD in general and Schumacher in particular. He wanted Newham to know that the SPD fraction in Berlin, in general, and Reuter himself, in particular, did not share the views of SPD headquarters in Hannover. Reuter was supposed to have said "I am fully aware of Dr. Schumacher's motives and do not go along". Newham then broached to Reuter the question whether or not Reuter might be willing to take over the nominal helm of a yet to be devised governing body for DTILINEN. Reuter, in a very friendly manner, did not refuse but stated that in his opinion his benevolent protection of DTILINEN as the reigning head of the Berlin administration could be of considerably greater value to the organization than any direct tie-in he might enter into. As an example of this, Reuter cited any difficulties that might at any point arise between DTILINEN and the Berlin police under Stumm. Since he was responsible for the actions of the police and if DTILINEN had any justified complaints against them, he would find himself in the position of having to complain to himself. (Note: I had previous knowledge of Newham's intentions to request Reuter's acceptance of such a position. I was fundamentally against such a move but was not opposed to Newham's making a try, being quite confident that Reuter, in one form or another, would find a polite way of turning down his proposition.) Reuter inquired from Newham as to the present financial support which DTILINEN receives. Newham states that in complete confidence and in order to gain and keep Reuter's trust, he found it advantageous, as well as necessary, to reveal to Reuter the present source of income of DTILINEN. In relating his exact words on this subject to me it became quite obvious that Newham himself believes and stressed the fact that all money received (under BGRHYTEM devised covers) came from private American organizations with absolutely no government connotation. At the end of this meeting it was agreed between Newham and Reuter that Newham would make it his business to inform Reuter once a month in a very general way on DTILINEN activities in order to enable him, Reuter, to have certain facts at his disposal at all times and, particularly, when he would find it necessary to rise in defense of DTILINEN or find himself compelled to protect it against outside attacks. (Should DTILINEN undertake any black operations or any other very sensitive operations under BGRHYTEM direction, or at BGRHYTEM's request, such operations would not be brought to Reuter's attention.)

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b. On the same day Newham was also requested to appear for a personal meeting with the Berlin British Commandant, General Bourne. The purpose of this meeting was primarily a discussion about DTLINEN operations revolving around the Russian Radio Station in the British Section (see 163-CBGFG, DTLINEN, para. 4 f.) General Bourne, in a very friendly manner, stated that he was well acquainted with the excellent reputation and admirable work which DTLINEN was performing on behalf of freedom, but that DTLINEN also caused great embarrassment to his command in mounting operations against a target which he was obliged to protect by all means at his disposal. Newham took great delight in pointing out to the General that the protection mentioned by the General was given only to the property of the Soviet administration but failed in the protection of the many gullible HEBREBEL residents who still continue to fall into this human trap. A mutual agreement was finally reached in accordance with which the General would erect appropriate signs (proposals for which Newham was to submit at a later date) that would serve as sufficient warning against all sinister intentions for which that institution is being used. In turn, Newham agreed to refrain from mounting any further operationsⁿ against this institution on behalf of DTLINEN. Newham could not refrain from stating to the General that he found it hard at times to restrain his resistance fighters from blowing up the place. This the General found very amusing.

2. The second half of this meeting was taken up by a lengthy and detailed discussion on the founding of the German-Russian Friendship Society (Note: BRING-4078). I shall not attempt in this memorandum to relate Boudreau's two hour monologue on the idealistic motivations for founding such an organization. Boudreau's approach to this very complex subject is so very typical of him. It is based on a wide range of sincere ideals which burn inside this reincarnation of Parzifal. When I pointed out to him the many complex problems of organization, support and operation, as well as the manifold consequences, he had to admit his inability to think it out that far.

3. Plans for the foundation of this organization, however, are in the hands of many other personalities of which Boudreau is only one and have gone so far as to practically make it impossible to even influence in any way the direction in which it is going. Boudreau related that Reuter had agreed to accept the honorary presidency of this organization and has also volunteered to prevail upon Herr Tetjen to put the Municipal Opera House at the disposal of the organization free of charge for the purpose of a mass meeting. The following is a list of personalities who are in the founding committee.

Birkenfeld
Benzing (HWDt)
Becker
Ewers
Dr. Grosse (DPA)
Truschnovitz (HTS)

Vetrow (Posev)
Hilde Körber
Baumann
Francke (DTDAILY Student leader)
Hildebrandt

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In addition to these Boudreau is attempting to get somebody from the Dickhoff group in Munich, Herr Baumann from the WSCORNY Bundeshaus and Mr. Nabokoff of OKOPRA in Paris to join. In order to avoid confusion with similar Russian sponsored organizations it has tentatively been agreed to call this venture "Freundschaftsbund für Deutsche und Russische Freiheit". It is my impression that it is primarily the NTS who is pushing this project but I believe, according to FRANG-2664, that BGRHYTHM is pretty well in the picture. I inquired from Boudreau what ideas they had about financing this organization. On this he was rather vague but gave me the impression that either money from Kaiser or the British or American sources have already been indicated. Without being fully in the picture as to what part, if any, BGRHYTHM has already played, it is rather difficult to judge the consequences that this venture will have. I do, however, want to point out that this will primarily be a propaganda vehicle. As such, it will give NTS an additional organization for their operational needs, probably also give them sorely needed funds to carry on their activities and, in addition, furnish them with intelligence leads and access to defectors which might easily result from their BGFLUME efforts. If BGRHYTHM is in on the ground floor of this organization, I urgently request that we be informed. If we are not, I strongly urge that an immediate effort be made to gain control of this, as yet, unborn child.

4. Last but not least, after Newham had left the meeting, I had a try at the debriefing of Boudreau which was requested of me some time ago. It was a pretty frustrating attempt. In exasperation I finally requested Boudreau, under the pretense of doing it for his own protection since he refused on any other grounds, to furnish me in writing all the information that he is willing to give on the subject of his contacts in HTCURIO. One rather interesting item which I was able to extract from Boudreau was the fact that he had been given \$2,500 by SGGREIND, a BGRHYTHM controlled organization. This money was given to Boudreau with a "Top Secret" label on it. He did not tell me for what purpose this money was given him, what he did with it or what he intends to do with it, and whether or not any reports as to how it was spent was requested by the donors. Since this was told to me in complete confidence, I am unable to ascertain from Newham whether or not this money has gone into the DTLEMM account or whether Boudreau intends to use it for his own purposes. This is not intended as a reflection on Boudreau who, I am sure, would use it to good idealistic or humanitarian advantage.